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CONTACT REPORT

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1 @PETERSEN and @SCHELLING (?), CATIDE Technician
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The meeting was laid on to allow the MKTOPAZ technician demonstrate the use of a peppermill transmitter and a receiving set with tape recorder. This was done after lunch and PETERSEN showed great personal interest in the workings of the various items of apparatus. The demonstration included taking the transmitter a couple of rooms away so that some idea of distance could be obtained. The CATIDE technician seemed to know his business. PETERSEN's description of the place where the meeting is to take place has us intrigued. From the amount of control of the situation he has one would believe it must be on German soil. On the other hand it hardly seems plausible that a "legal" resident from a neutral country would visit Germany to meet the agent. As PETERSEN described the location the restaurant is on a shore, either of an ocean, a large lake, or possibly a very large river. The restaurant is in a building that houses a yacht club, a yacht basin being out in front. Large vessels pass by about 500 yds away from the yacht basin. The restaurant is built on pilings (like the U.S. Embassy in Mehlem) and the underneath part is used to park cars. The kitchen and heating plant may also be on this level. On the next level, reached by stairs and a terrace is the restaurant with very large windows overlooking the water. Above that are club rooms of the yacht club. PETERSEN has three possibilities: (1) Utilize a room above the restaurant but it is possible the reinforced concrete floor could partially block reception and also he might have a room a long way from the table utilized by the fellows involved. (2) Utilize a car parked under the restaurant but there are too many possibilities for interference with reception there. (3) the third, and the one PETERSEN favors, is to use a large PT type boat or gig that is normally parked at the end of a pier right in front of the restaurant. The boat has regular antennas and no one would note anything "fishy" about someone listening to a radio in it. Furthermore PETERSEN is in a position to get the crew off by sending them to town to have a drink and bribe the guard (!) and thus put his own people aboard. The end of the pier is about 150-200 meters from the restaurant. (We have been trying to figure out where this meeting could be. PETERSEN said, in answer to a question about airconditioning equipment being in the place, that the place would not need it in October. It sounds like a major harbor area but this could be anywhere. PETERSEN had said earlier the legal resident was in a neutral country and one in which it might be rather embarrassing if his true activities as a legal resident were exposed. We are almost inclined to believe either that the meeting will indeed take place on German soil (and that the boat belongs to the German Navy or Coast patrol) or that this operation is being handled in conjunction with another service - a fact that PETERSEN could not, of course, reveal.) CATIDE will have an opportunity to try the apparatus out before the real case starts. We have been promised a detailed technical report on how it worked.

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